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DRUG TRAFFICKING, FIREARM VIOLATION SEND KANSAS CITY MAN TO PRISON FOR 120 MONTHS

KANSAS CITY, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Donald M. Hayes**, 26, Kansas City, Kan., has been sentenced to 120 months in federal prison.

Hayes was sentenced Feb. 22, 2005, by U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum in Kansas City, Kan. Hayes pleaded guilty April 12, 2004, to one count of illegally possessing ammunition after a felony conviction and one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

In his plea, Hayes admitted that on Oct. 23, 2003, a detective of the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department observed a 1992 Chevy Blazer parked near a new house under construction at 3rd and Stewart in Kansas City, Kan. When the detective attempted to make contact, the driver drove away at a high rate of speed. The detective pursued and eventually found the car, which had been wrecked in an alley. Donald Hayes was found hiding nearby and taken into custody. A search turned up an antique .32 caliber S&W Remington brand handgun in his right pants pocket. The handgun was loaded with .32 caliber S&W Remington brand ammunition. In the same pocket, police found a plastic bag containing 13 rocks of crack cocaine. Hayes was prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition because of his conviction in 1998 in Wyandotte County, Kansas, on charges of burglary, possession of a firearm and theft.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead, who prosecuted.